Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 12 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 13 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 12 Aug 2020 at 02:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for overall events and for some heavy and thundery showers overnight and on Wednesday, but low confidence for exact location of showers and thunderstorms and for how long they last

Headline for Wednesday 12 Aug 2020: Mostly dry with increasing amounts of sunshine, once patchy low cloud and any left over thundery showers clear from the east, though slight chance of an isolated thunderstorm in afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 12 Aug 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	00%	00%	00%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 12 Aug 2020

Weather: Mainly dry with clear spells in west, but some heavy and thundery showers in east overnight though mostly clearing away northwards by daybreak, although low cloud, mist and fog patches will form onto eastern slopes. Any left-over showers will soon clear after daybreak and fog and low cloud will son lift too, leaving a mostly dry and fine day, with increasing amounts of sunshine, Becoming very warm or hot, even on higher slopes, but perhaps the odd thunderstorm will break out in the afternoon. Any thundery showers will die out in evening leaving a dry night with clear spells, but patchy low cloud and fog may form onto eastern slopes.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 30% in east overnight and at first Wednesday with areas of cloud down to 600m, perhaps 400m in places, otherwise 80 to 100% with only patchy cloud near summits, though perhaps broken cloud near 700m in any showers.

Visibility: Mainly good, but moderate or poor, perhaps very poor in east at times overnight and at first Wednesday and reducing again in any thundery showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	10/12 N	6/9 N	4/7 N	5/9 NW	8/12 N	9/13 NE	7/10 E
900	5/6 S	5/8 N	4/6 N	6/10 NW	7/10 N	9/13 NE	8/11 E
600	5/6 N	6/9 N	4/7 N	6/9 W	7/11 N	11/16 NE	7/11 NE
300	4/6 N	4/7 N	3/6 N	5/8 W	5/8 NW	5/9 N	5/9 N
Glen	2/5 N	3/6 N	4/7 SW	9/14 W	5/9 W	6/12 N	5/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	13/12	13/12	13/13	14/14	14/13	14/12	13/12
900	14/14	15/15	17/18	18/18	17/16	15/14	14/13
600	16/16	17/16	18/19	19/19	19/19	18/16	17/16
300	17/18	18/19	21/22	22/22	21/22	18/19	17/17
Glen	18/20	20/22	23/24	24/24	23/23	20/20	18/18
Freezing Level*	3200m	2900m	2800m	2700m	2600m	2600m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A muggy start to the day with perhaps still some thundery showers in east, but soon improving to leave a mostly fine day and hot day, though the odd thundery shower may crop up. Temperatures in some glens may reach 28 Celsius.

Forecast for Thursday 13 Aug 2020

Weather: Some low cloud, mist and fog developing overnight, mainly in east, but mostly dry with clear intervals. Low cloud and any low level murk will soon clear in morning, leaving a mainly dry and bright day, but some showers will develop in the afternoon, especially in the east. Showers will die away in evening them dry with clear spells, but some low cloud and fog likely to develop.

Maximum wind: East or northeast 10-15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% in west, 10% in east with areas of cloud down to 600m, though 400m in northeast. Chance improving to 80% by the afternoon as cloud lifts and becomes more broken

Visibility: Generally good, but moderate or poor on many eastern slopes into the morning

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 16 rising to plus 26 C
At 800m: Plus 14-17 C
Freezing level: 3000m

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